

In the specification:

Page 1, line 3, insert the following heading:

*BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION*

Page 1, line 11, delete in its entirety.

Page 3, line 25, insert the following heading:

*SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION*

Page 4, cancel lines 4-8.

Page 4, before line 10, insert:

This object of the invention is attained in particular by the fact that a method for operating an injection valve of an internal combustion engine, in which the metering of fuel is adjustable by varying the injection time and stroke of the nozzle needle of the injection valve, is composed of the following steps:

Page 4, line 18, cancel in its entirety.

Page 4, lines 29-31, cancel in their entirety.

Page 5, lines 1-4, cancel in their entirety:

Page 5, before line 6, insert:

Importantly, it must also be possible for several embodiments to be carried out simultaneously. To detect a jammed-open operating state, it is sufficient when one of conditions for detection is met.

Page 5, lines 10-13 cancel in their entirety.

Page 5, before line 15, insert:

When the valve jam in an open position, fuel flows continuously into the combustion chamber of the internal combustion engine. This results in level of engine torque that is higher than desired. Advantageous remedies for the occurrence of this undesired additional torque are provided in the invention.

Page 5, line 25, cancel in its entirety.

Page 6, before line 1, insert:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 6, line 10, cancel this line in its entirety.

Page 6, before line 12, insert:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS